

**BERGENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
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**MINUTES FOR THE CAUCUS MEETING**

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**Monday March 25, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

**District Conference Room**

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- 1. Meeting Called to Order by the President**
- 2. Roll Call**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Joseph Amara	Bergenfield Board of Education	President	Present	
Eileen Ryder	Bergenfield Board of Education	Vice-President	Present	
William Jaeger	Bergenfield Board of Education	Trustee	Present	
Nelson Reynoso	Bergenfield Board of Education	Trustee	Present	
Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala	Bergenfield Board of Education	Trustee	Present	

Also present: C. Tully, D. Markman, D. DiPisa

**Flag Salute**

**Statement of the President**

"The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of this Board, except where specifically exempted by law, at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having same advertised in The Record on June 29, 2018; also notice of this meeting has been mailed to the members of the Board, the Borough Clerk, all Elementary Schools, Roy W. Brown Middle School, the High School and the District Website on March 20, 2019."

**3. Presentation:**

Roy W. Brown Math Update - Shane Biggins and Carmen Archetto

**4. Verbal Comments**

**5. Verbal Comments: None**

The Bergenfield Board of Education now opens the floor for our first public comment session. Public comments regarding tonight's agenda items only will be heard at this time. You will have an opportunity to make any other comments during the 2nd public comment session later in the meeting.

**6. Discussion of Evening Agenda**

**7. Discussion of Committee Reports**

- A. Finance Committee**
- B. Policy Committee**

**8. Verbal Comments: None**

The Bergenfield Board of Education now opens the floor for our 2nd public comment for any other comments at this time.

**9. Motion to go to Private Session**

Vice President Ryder moved and Trustee Reynoso seconded to go to Private Session.

- 1. Tonight's personnel.
- 2. Open Litigation.
- 3. HIB.

**10. Motion to Adjourn**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

**2. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- 1. Informational Item (ID # 4730)  
Posting for 3/25/19 Meeting.

Attachments:  
Posting for 3-25-19 Meeting (PDF)

- 2. Informational Item (ID # 4738)  
Roy W. Brown Middle School Math Presentation.

Attachments:  
RWB Math Presentation (PDF)

**BERGENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
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**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING**

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Monday March 25, 2019 8:00 PM Front Cafeteria of the High School

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1. Meeting called to order by the President
2. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Joseph Amara	Bergenfield Board of Education	President	Present	
Eileen Ryder	Bergenfield Board of Education	Vice-President	Present	
William Jaeger	Bergenfield Board of Education	Trustee	Present	
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**3. Minutes**

1. Motion to accept and approve the minutes for February 2019.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	William Jaeger, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

**4. Written Communication**

- A. Motion to accept and approve the following:  

Thank you from Dorothy Lacey's Family.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	William Jaeger, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

**5. Verbal Comments**

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**6. Report and Recommendations of Superintendent of Schools**

**A. General Recommendations**

1. Motion to accept and approve the attached Personnel Recommendations.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

2. Motion to accept and approve the March 11, 2019 Special Education Monthly Report as per the attached.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

3. Motion to accept and approve the Bergenfield Public School District 2019 Summer Enrichment and Academic Programs. All registrations will be paperless and processed through CommunityPass.com.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

4. Motion to accept and approve the purchase of thirty (30) Dell Laptops for Roy W. Brown Middle School, amount not exceeding \$26,997, payable through Title I funds.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

5. Motion to accept and approve the purchase of Bretford Cube Charging Cart from Dell for Roy W. Brown Middle School, amount not exceeding \$1,512, payable through Title I funds.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

6. Motion to accept and approve the following Out-of-State Field Trips:

Bergenfield High School AP Biology students to the DNA Learning Center in Cold Spring Harbor, NY on Friday, April 26, 2019. Total of 16 students and 2 chaperones.

Bergenfield High School Model UN students to the Model United Nations Conference at the Dalton School in New York, NY on Sunday, April 28, 2019. Total of 18 students and 2 chaperones.

Jefferson School 5th grade students to the Museum Village in Monroe, NY on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. Total of 41 students and 6 chaperones.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

7. Motion to accept and approve the attached HIB Report.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

8. Motion to accept and approve the preschool lottery for 2019/2020 scheduled for March 28, 2019, at 3:15 p.m. in the Bergenfield High School Cafeteria.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee  
**SECONDER:** Eileen Ryder, Vice-President  
**AYES:** Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

9. Motion to accept and approve the 2018/2021 Agreement between the Bergenfield Board of Education and the Bergenfield Education Association.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [4 TO 0]  
**MOVER:** Eileen Ryder, Vice-President  
**SECONDER:** Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee  
**AYES:** Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala  
**ABSTAIN:** Amara

**7. Old Business: None**

**8. New Business**

A. Motion to accept and approve the attached list of Tuition Contract(s) for Sent Students for the 2018/2019 School Year.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Eileen Ryder, Vice-President  
**SECONDER:** Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee  
**AYES:** Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

B. Motion to accept and approve the attached Specialty Contract(s) for the 2018/2019 School Year.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Eileen Ryder, Vice-President  
**SECONDER:** Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee  
**AYES:** Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

C. Motion to accept and approve the attached Tuition Contract for Received Student for the 2018/2019 School Year.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Eileen Ryder, Vice-President  
**SECONDER:** Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee  
**AYES:** Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

D. Motion to accept and approve the attached list of Tuition Contracts for Sent Students for the 2019/2020 School Year.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

E. Motion to accept and approve the attached Tuition Contract for a Sent Student during the 2017/2018 School Year.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

F. Motion to accept and approve the attached Use of Facilities list.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

G. Motion to accept and approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: that the BERGENFIELD Board of Education desires to enter into Joint Purchasing Agreement and will participate as a full member of the Bergen County Region V Council for Special Education for the 2019-2020 school year; does hereby accept, adopt and agree to comply with the Region V Bylaws; designates Christopher Tully, Superintendent, as its representative to Region V; and empowers him to cast all votes and take all other actions necessary to represent its interests in Region V.

The Board further approves the joint bidding and transportation agreements for all BERGENFIELD (district) students who are transported through Region V; The Board further approves the joint bidding and/or shared services agreement; including but not limited to student evaluations, student therapies and other student support services; The Board further approves the joint bidding and/or shared services for non-public school services; and The Board further approves the joint bidding and/or shared services for other services as requested to be provided by Region V component districts on as needed basis.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

H. Motion to accept and approve the attached Joint Purchasing Agreement between Region V Council for Special Education and The Bergenfield Board of Education for the 2019/2020 School Year.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

I. Motion to accept and approve the following donation(s):

Michael Sims from Scholastic Inc. has donated 305 books (Trumpet of the Swan) to Jefferson and Lincoln Elementary Schools.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

J. Motion to accept and approve the attached quote from C & C Masonry, Inc. for work to be done at Roy W. Brown Middle School in the amount of \$19,200.00.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

K. Motion to accept and approve the following Conferences Over \$150 Payable thru LEA Funds:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Conference Name</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
R. Slamb	District Accountant	NJASBO Annual Conference 2019	\$275	6/5/19-6/7/19	11-000-251-580-10-000	FY 2019/2019 LEA Funds

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala



L. Motion to accept and approve two \$500 scholarships from the Mosaic Lodge Foundation to be awarded to the Class of 2019 at Bergenfield High School.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Eileen Ryder, Vice-President  
**SECONDER:** Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee  
**AYES:** Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

M. Motion to accept and approve the quote from B&H in the amount of \$6,357.70 payable thru Perkins Grant.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Eileen Ryder, Vice-President  
**SECONDER:** Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee  
**AYES:** Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

N. Motion to accept and approve the 2019/2020 School Calendar.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Eileen Ryder, Vice-President  
**SECONDER:** Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee  
**AYES:** Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

O. Motion to accept and approve the estimate from Central Bergen Auto to repair Bus #40 at a cost of \$6,500.00.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Eileen Ryder, Vice-President  
**SECONDER:** Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee  
**AYES:** Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

P. Motion to accept and approve the estimate from Central Bergen Auto for Bus # 32 at a cost of \$6,550.00.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Eileen Ryder, Vice-President  
**SECONDER:** Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee  
**AYES:** Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

Q. Motion to accept and approve the General Fund and Fund 20 Inter-Account Transfers as per the attached list.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

### 9. Report and Recommendations of Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Motion to accept and approve the following as presented:

A. The Secretary's Report of Cash Balances as of February 28, 2019 reflecting a balance of \$10,693,252.81 and The Treasurer's Report of Cash Balances as of February 28, 2019 reflecting a balance of \$10,693,252.81.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

B. Final Vouchers for payment in the month of February 2019 in the total amount of \$8,143,348.25.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

C. Partial Vouchers for payment in the month of March 2019 in the total amount of \$4,542,693.69.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

D. Motion to accept and approve the following:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, the Board of Education Secretary certifies that as of February 28, 2019 that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, the Board of Education Secretary certifies that as of February 28, 2019, after review of the District's monthly financial reports, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala

**10. Verbal Comments**

The Bergenfield Board of Education now opens the floor for our 2nd public comment for any other comments at this time.

- Anna Picca - Bergenfield  
Friends of Music thank you!
- Denise Donovan - Bergenfield  
Indoor percussion stipend.
- Charvi Bhayana - Bergenfield  
Indoor percussion support.
- Evan Goldstein - Bergenfield  
Indoor percussion support.
- Ryan Donovan - Bergenfield  
Indoor percussion support.
- Alan Lewis - Bergenfield  
Indoor percussion support.
- Susana Pardo - Bergenfield  
Indoor percussion support.
- Rachael Kumer - Bergenfield  
Indoor percussion support.
- Jonathan DeLaCruz - Bergenfield  
Indoor percussion support.
- Katelyn Van Tine - Bergenfield  
Indoor percussion support.
- Lisa Carnevale - Bergenfield  
Indoor percussion support.
- Iyana Lopez - Bergenfield  
Indoor percussion support.
- Jennifer Gonzalez - Bergenfield  
Indoor percussion support.
- Ifrah Sajjad - Bergenfield  
Indoor percussion support.
- Matthew Lewis - Bergenfield  
Indoor percussion support.
- Angela Rose Massa - Bergenfield  
Indoor percussion support.

Dr. Amara - Responsive to request on Indoor Percussion.

**11. Adjournment**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ryder, Jaeger, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala